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25X1 1. [redacted] learned in the 3d Subdistrict Office of the Berlin railroad district headquarters that the transportation police would be separated from the railroad administration and would be incorporated in the new national army. The previous transportation police would be replaced by a Wachtdienst A and its personnel would be railroadmen. These men must not be older than 30 years, would receive uniforms of the previous transportation police and would be paid by the Volkspolizei. Railroadmen drafted in to this police could later continue service with the railroad system. The Wachtdienst B (factory police) is also to be composed of railroadmen who, however, remain in the employ of the railroad administration and are paid it. They wear green uniforms. They must not be older than 45 years and not younger than 30.

25X1 2. [redacted] three transportation police [redacted] men [redacted] intended to recruit 24 men for the factory police from among the railroad employees in the railroad operations shop of the Elsterwerda railroad station.

25X1 3. [redacted] functionaries in charge of indoctrination at the Berlin regional railroad headquarters announced that all previous members of the transportation police would be transferred to the Volkspolizei and that replacements had to be furnished immediately. They stated that all those who belonged to the 1910 class and younger classes were eligible for service with the transportation police and that there were two categories, namely a group A which was a regular police unit quartered in kasernes with three years of service, and group B which was a factory police and was composed of unarmed personnel wearing a railroad uniform and ranking as railroad officials who, together with women of the armed transportation police, would be assigned to escorting trains and checking on trains and, if they desired, could resume their previous duties with the railroad. Those present were asked individually whether they were prepared to sign up for police service and were told that, in the event of a refusal, they would have to face the consequences. Only a small portion, however, was ready to sign up, while the majority requested two days to consider the matter.

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* [redacted] Comment. It is quite likely that the transportation police and other branches of the VP main administration may have received orders to transfer personnel to the military Volkspolizei. It is doubted, however, that the entire transportation police should be placed at once under the control of the HVA. However it is true, that the main emphasis is at present on the increase of the personnel of the HVA police and, in the present stage of the development, the interests of the HVA are even less important than previously.

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